

## NEW JERSEY CLEAN AIR COUNCIL

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## NJ CLEAN AIR COUNCIL MEETING RECORD

March 8, 2006, 9:30 a.m.

Atlantic City Electric

(Formerly Conectiv)

Bank of America Building

150 West State St

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room

Trenton, NJ

CALL TO ORDER: Michael Egenton opened the meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: All of the Council members were present with the changes noted below. (**See Attachment 1 – Attendance Sheet**)

EXCUSED: Jeffrey Applegate, Jorge Berkowitz, Leonard Bielory, Hugh DeFazio, Elease Evans, Gene Feyl, John Maxwell

REPRESENTATIVE: Dr. Joseph Ponessa for John Elston

NJDEP/SPEAKERS: Sam Wolfe, Assistant Commissioner for Environmental Regulation, Bill O'Sullivan, Director, Division of Air Quality; John Preczewski, Assistant Director, Air Quality Permitting

PUBLIC: Kelly Moretta, Schering-Plough Corp., Tony Russo, Chemical Council of NJ; Dan Cunningham, PSE&G; Joann Held; Jim Benton, NJ Petroleum Council

### Meeting Record

Roll call was taken. Chairman called for motion to approve the January and February minutes. Irwin Zonis made the motion to accept the January minutes with edits. Joseph Spatola seconded the motion. Irwin Zonis made the motion to accept the February

minutes with edits. Jim Blando seconded the motion. The January and February minutes were approved with edits by a unanimous vote.

**Sam Wolfe, Assistant Commissioner for Environmental Regulation** bid farewell to the CAC as he transfers from NJDEP to the NJ Board of Public Utilities. Sam thanked the CAC for their valuable contributions to the DEP and their efforts to promote clean air in New Jersey. The Chairman accepted the appreciative remarks on behalf of the CAC and invited Sam to participate in future CAC meetings.

### **Administrative Report**

*Presented by Bill O'Sullivan, Director, Division of Air Quality:*

- Sonia Evans to send the CAC members info about Sam's farewell party on March 16, 2006.
- NJ SIP--NJ is proposing a new and revised transportation conformity emission budgets, the second ten-year carbon monoxide limited maintenance plan, for Camden and NJ's 2002 periodic emission inventory. A public hearing for this proposal is scheduled for March 31, 2006.
- Emission Statement Program—Two workshops were held to keep participants of the program up to date. This year, the smaller sources (non-Title V) are required to report the Toxic Air Pollutants emitted from their facilities.
- Budget—The President's proposed FY 2007 budget calls for a 16% reduction in state and local air grants under Sections 103 and 105 of the Clean Air Act. If enacted, this would result in a 6% cut of the overall NJ air program.
- Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) Program—The 2003 Annual Report was submitted to the USEPA. The key statistics indicate that the program is testing vehicles properly, that vehicles failing the tailpipe emissions test are receiving repairs that lower tailpipe emissions concentrations by 44% for NOx, 52% for HC and 65% for CO, and that 96% of subject vehicles are complying with the program.
- Air Fees—The public comment period on the proposal to increase air permit fees, primarily for minor facilities, closed February 17. DEP staff is reviewing the comments. The key issue is whether the increased fees will be allocated for providing the services accounted for in the proposal.
- Draft General Permit for Research and Development—The draft was published in the January 3, 2006 edition of the NJ Register. The comment period closed on February 3, 2006. The Air program expects to complete the review the comments and finalize changes to the General Permit in April.
- Fine Particles—During February, two instances of high particle levels occurred in New Jersey. The first episode occurred in the northeastern portion of the State. A second episode occurred with concentrations peaking at the monitoring site in Elizabeth. These episodes would have exceeded EPA's proposed more stringent 24-hour standard for fine particles.
- Diesel Organization—A Diesel Section in the Air Quality Management Element of the Division of Air Quality was formed to implement the mandatory retrofit program required by the recently passed Diesel Law. The leader of the new Diesel Risk Reduction Program will be Peg Hanna, reporting to Chris Salmi, Assistant Director, Air Quality Management.
- Air Workshop on State Implementation Plan Development—The Air Program is hosting an Update Workshop on May 17 at the War Memorial, to update interested parties on what has transpired since the June 2005 workshop and to identify measures

which are being considered for inclusion in the plan to attain the new federal health and visibility standards.

- Lisa P. Jackson was sworn in as Commissioner of the NJDEP on February 28. Her swearing-in speech is available at <http://depnet.dep.state.nj.us>.

### **Camden Waterfront South Report**

*Presented by Bill O'Sullivan, Director, Division of Air Quality--See Attachment 2—*  
**Distributed at meeting.**

### **Future of the Air Quality Permitting Program**

*Presented by John Preczewski, Assistant Director, Air Quality Permitting:*

- Reorganization to meet the work load (post Title V Initial Operating Permits) and achieve zero backlog
  - Given Limited Resources
  - New Rules/Process
  - Shifting Work Load
- Effective communication with the regulated community
- Better public outreach
- Internal consistency in permitting
- CAC was invited to provide feedback to John Preczewski to reinvigorate communications with the regulated community.

### **NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS**

- Review March Minutes
- Schedule presentation on Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) in Fall, 2006
- Chairman expressed appreciation to Toby Hanna for his work with NJ DEP's draft air permit for research and development.
- NATA date released on February 21, 2006. DEP feedback requested.
- Chairman called for motion to adjourn the meeting. Irwin Zonis made the motion, seconded by Joe Spatola. The meeting was adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

### **ARTICLES OF INTEREST**

- New Clips

### **NEXT MEETING**

April 5, 2006, Pre-meeting: 9:00 a.m., NJDEP, 401 E. State St., 7<sup>th</sup> Fl. Large Conference Room, Trenton, NJ. 9:30 a.m.—Public Hearing, 401 E. State St., Public Hearing Room, Trenton, NJ.